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CONVICTED FELON FOUND GUILTY ON GUN CHARGE

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on November 4, 2003, Dale Juan Osife, of Phoenix, Arizona, was found guilty of the federal crime Felon in Possession of a Firearm, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1), by a federal jury at Phoenix, Arizona. This was Osife's 3rd felony conviction.

The evidence at trial showed that Osife was arrested on January 4, 2003 by Phoenix Police for indecent exposure because he was urinating in public. Officers found a .40 caliber beretta pistol in a search incident to his arrest. Osife had prior felony convictions for Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute and for Aggravated DUI. He was prosecuted as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a program designed by the United States Attorney's Office to target gun crime. The case was tried before United States District Court Judge Frederick J. Martone. The defendant will be sentenced on February 2, 2004.

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The investigation leading to the guilty verdict was conducted by Special Agent Terry Besta of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives. The prosecution is being handled by Mary Beth Phillips, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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